

REMARKS

Claims 7-10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, and 29 are presently pending.

As requested by the Examiner, submitted herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 to further support the June 30 Response. Applicants' Declaration points out that the film of Fukuda does not have the shrinkage of the claimed film. See Applicants' Declaration, ¶ 7 and Table 2, for example. This deficiency in Fukuda is not corrected by the other references. Accordingly, based on the reasons set forth in the June 30 Response and the 1.132 Declaration enclosed herewith, Applicants submit that the claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Further to the June 30 Response, in which "when the film is put in water" was amended to "in water," in claim 7, for example, it is to be understood that the presence of water is not a limitation of the claim; rather, the amount of shrinkage in water is a physical property of the claimed film. The claimed film need not be in water in order to retain the properties claimed thereto.

CONCLUSION

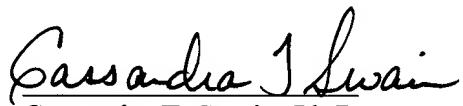
In view of the remarks submitted above, Applicants respectfully request that the Supplemental Response be entered and submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment arising from this communication to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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